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HONORABLE SIRS,

ON the Behalf of STEPHEN POPHAM, ESQ. at Madras, we have to ſubmit the accompanying Correſpondence (as noted at Foot) with the Governor and Board of Trade at Fort St. George to your Conſideration, and intreat your Patronage to the Undertaking; alſo requeſt you will be pleaſed for Encouragement to ſo important a National Object as the Supply of COTTON, ſufficient for the Conſumption of Great Britain and Ireland, cultivated in the Company's Territories, that you will, for a certain Term of Ten or Fourteen Years, permit POPHAM's COTTON, laden on-board the Company's Ships, only to pay Freight by Meaſurement, in the Proportion of Eight Bales of Two Feet ſquare by Three Feet Four Inches long for a Ton, or by Weight, at the Rate of Twenty Hundred Weight of Cotton per Ton, as ſhall appear moſt adviſable to your Honorable Court. We have further, for Mr. POPHAM, to intreat the Remiſſion of the Three per Cent. Duty charged by the Company on Privilege Goods; and that POPHAM's COTTON may, for the above Period, only pay a Half per Cent. on the Sale-Price, in Lieu of ſaid Duty.

We are emboldened, on the Part of Mr. POPHAM, to aſk this Aſſiſtance, being aſſured, from the Tenor of the Reports on the Cotton-Trade by your Honorable Select Committee in the Year 1788, and at the Time of Renewal of the Charter, that the Encouragement liberally held forth and promiſed to the Importers of Cotton from India will be increaſed; more ſo to the Cultivators of Cotton in the Company's Poſſeſſions near Madras. — Confiding on ſuch Aſſiſtance, Mr. POPHAM has employed a very large Property on the Company's Lands, and we cannot doubt will receive their diſtinguiſhed Patronage in Support of his Undertaking. One Bale of POPHAM's COTTON is ſent as Sample to the Company on-board the Phœnix; and the late worthy Governor of Fort St. George, SIR CHARLES OAKLEY, has allowed Mr. POPHAM to refer to him for ſuch Information as your Honorable Court may wiſh to be informed of. Twelve Bales (the Freight whereof is to be ſettled) arrived to our Conſignment in the ſame Ship.

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The principal Cotton Brokers and Dealers, who have ſeen POPHAM's COTTON, ſay it is ſuperior to Bourbon Cotton, and as fine as can be grown.

We requeſt an early Attention to the Object of this Requeſt, and that every poſſible Aid will be afforded to encourage the Growth and Importation of COTTON for the Supply of this Country.

With great Reſpect we are,

HONORABLE SIRS,

Your faithful Servants,

London,
Sept. 23, 1795.

EDMUND BOEHM & CO.

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To the Honorable Court of Directors
of the United Eaſt-India Company.

LIST OF THE PAPERS ACCOMPANYING.

No. I. Mr. POPHAM's Letter, 12th Sept. 1794, to the Board of Trade at Fort St. George.

No. II. Extract of a Letter, 20th Sept. 1794, from the Madras Government to the Court of Directors respecting POPHAM's Cotton.

No. III. Mr. Secretary CHASE's Letter, 29th Sept. to S. POPHAM.

No. IV. Mr. POPHAM's Letter, 12th Sept. to the Governor.

No. V. Mr. Deputy-Secretary WEBBE's Reply, 1st Oct.

No. VI. PORCHER, REDHEAD, and Co.'s Conditional Agreement with the Board of Trade.

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